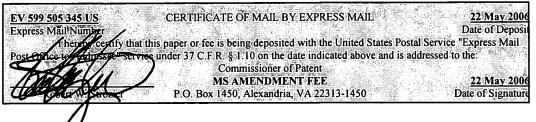


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APPLICANT: HARDIN ET AL. § EXAMINER: RILEY, J. SERIAL NO: 10/007621 § GROUP ART UNIT: 1637 FILED: 12/03/01 § DOCKET: 00007/02UTL

FOR: ENZYMATIC NUCLEIC ACID SYNTHESIS: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ALTERING MONOMER INCORPORATION FIDELITY



PETITION FOR 2 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to grant a 2 MONTH extension of time to and including 17 June 2006, in which to file a response to the office action dated 17 January 2006.

A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 501518.

Date: May 22, 2006

Robert W. Strozier, Reg. No. 34,024

Respectfully Samutted.

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